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OF THE

WESTFIELD ASSOCIATION

OF

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH THE

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH,

CLARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, 1888.

The next session will be held with Mt. Moriah No. 1, Clark county, Illinois, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1889.

ELDER T. J. THORNTON, MODERATOR.

W. L. GOBLE, CLERK.

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The Westfield Baptist Association met for its twenty-sixth anniversary with Freedom church Friday, Sept. 7th, '88, at 10 o'clock a. m., with moderator in chair. Services were opened by singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," after which prayer was offered by Elder Thornton, and an introductory sermon preached by Elder R. O. Hawkins, text, John VI-44.

1—Reading of the letters from the various churches, and enrollment of delegates as follows:

Bethel—D. H. Clements, J. Shade, D. C. James, P. Beabout, G. Beabout, J. L. Wright and Sister S. Norris.

Bethlehem—L. W. Lanman, John A. Lang and Dora E. Lanman.

Clarksville—R. O. Hawkins, Wm. H. Hutchings, F. B. Ennis, S. Applegate, T. Graham, F. Widmaier and Wm. Miller.

Cumberland—R. A. Fuson, James Parker and wife and Mary Bloomer.

Enon—T. J. Thornton, B. F. Carothers, J. E. Dudley and Wm. Woodrum.

Freedom—W. P. Andis, Joseph Shade and Hiram Mallory.

Harmony—Alexander Wilson.

Macedonia—E. Stanberry and Rebecca Collins.

Martinsville—Elder Poe, Deacon Ulrey and I. N. Ulrey.

Mill Creek—Brother Taylor and wife, J. Bullard and wife, W. Jackson and wife, J. Webb and wife and J. Carver.

Mt. Moriah, No. 1—Josiah Christine, Oren C. Page, James Wear and Sarah Wear.

Vermilion—T. C. Brown and S. T. Kershner.

Westfield—R. Wiley, J. C. Goble, W. L. Goble, Wm. Goble, B. F. Goble, J. H. Stewart and Martha Waltrip.

2—Election of officers for the ensuing year as follows: T. J. Thornton, moderator; W. S. Goble, clerk and treasurer.

3—Adjournment for fifteen minutes.

Call to order.

Prayer by R. A. Fuson, after which the Association proceeded to business.

1—Reading of the letter from Martinsville church.

2—Call for corresponding brothers from other Associations. Brother R. A. Fuson reported from Palestine.

3—Appointment of delegates to other associations as follows:

Palestine—Elders Lanman and Thornton and Brother A. Wilson.

Mattoon—Elders Lanman and Stanberry and T. C. Brown.

Bloomfield—Elders Hawkins and Thornton.

General Association—Elder L. W. Lanman.

4—Appointment of the pastors and messengers of Freedom church as committees on divine service.

5—Appointment of the clerk to write the corresponding letter.

6—Appointment of committees as follows:

Finance—A. Wilson, J. C. Goble and D. H. Poe.

Resolutions—R. O. Hawkins, L. W. Lanman and E. Stanberry.

Missions—A. Wilson, B. F. Goble and Wm. Woodrum.

Obituaries—R. Wiley, R. O. Hawkins and S. T. Kershner.

7—Report of the committee on divine services as follows: Preaching at Bethel Friday eve. by Elders Wiley and Stanberry; at Freedom by Elders Thornton and Lanman.

Adjournment to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association convened at 9:30 o'clock, opened by prayer and social services and proceeded to business.

1—Reading and adoption of the minutes of Friday's proceedings.

2—Call for representatives from other associations. Elders Z. W. Whitacre, J. L. Cox, M. Huckabe, and D. H. Clements reported from Palestine and Thomas Gaskins from Courries Prairie.

3—Call for churches wishing to join the Association. None responded.

4—Report of the committee on resolutions. Each resolution was considered separately and adopted.

5—Contribution of $4.00 for ministerial support was taken up and ordered sent to Shurtleff College.

6—Report of the committee on finance. See report as adopted.

7—Report of the committee on obituaries. See report.

8—A touching tribute was paid by Elders Wiley, Hawkins, Thornton and Lanman to the memory of Elder J. B. Walker and wife, deceased.

9—Adjournment till 2 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

As dinner was not taken as was expected, it was decided to finish the business of the Association.

1—Reading of the corresponding letter, which was adopted.

2—Report of the committee on missions for last year. See report.

3—On motion B. F. Goble was elected treasurer of the committee on home missions.

4—On motion it was decided to hold the next session with Mt. Moriah No. 1, six miles west of Terre Haute.

5—Election of Elder Lanman to preach the introductory sermon next year, Elder Thornton, alternate, and Elder Hawkins to preach the doctrinal discourse.

6—Report of Sister Martha Widmaier as President of "The Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the West."

7—Adoption of the report and continuance of Sister Widmaier as President.

8—Amendment to Article 10 of Rules of Decorum. See Article 10 as amended.

9—On motion the time of the annual Associational Sunday school convention was fixed at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday of the next anniversary.

10—On motion it was decided to attend to our home mission work ourselves instead of through the General Association.

11—Report of committee on divine service as follows: Preaching at Freedom Saturday evening by Elders Kershner and Wiley, at Bethel by Elders Cox and Whitacre.

12—Adjournment to meet at 6 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Association convened pursuant to adjournment. Was opened with prayer by B. F. Goble.

1—The committee on missions desiring that two more be added to the board, on motion and second Brothers F. B. Ennis and J. L. Wright were elected to that position.

2—The subject of missions was discussed and much good advice given the board.

3—On motion the clerk was instructed to attend to the publication and distribution of minutes.

4—Reading and adoption of the minutes of the day's proceedings.

5—On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Moriah church at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1889.

T. J. THORNTON, Moderator,
W. L. GOBLE, Clerk.

There was preaching in the grove Sunday morning by Elders J. L. Cox and R. Wiley: in the afternoon by Elder E. Stanberry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Finance: We, your committee on finance, would submit the following: We find that W. L. Goble, our clerk and treasurer, received $15.91, expended for printing and distribution of minutes, and in correspondence $9. 76, leaving for clerk's services $6.15.

Obituaries: Brethern and members of the Westfield Association: We, your committee on obituraries, beg leave to make the following re-

port: After examining the letters from the various churches, we find that the Angel of Death has visited eight of our churches and claimed as his victims sixteen of our beloved, and among that number our venerable father, J. B. Walker, whose loss we deeply deplore; but our loss is his infinite gain. He was soon followed by his wife. This only admonishes us, as they are gone, we may soon be called to follow. Let us be fully prepared to enter our rest.

Missions: We, your committee on missions, would report that we did not appoint any missionary on account of lack of funds to support the same.

Correspondence: Dear Brethern: We have convened with Freedom church in our twenty-sixth anniversary. We are at peace and are having quite an interesting session. We are glad that some of you are represented in our Association, but we are sorry that so few have come. The past year has not been as fruitful as we desired, and quite a number have been taken away by death. We desire to continue our correspondence with you and hope to see you better represented next year.

Resolutions: Your committee on resolutions would submit the following:

1—*Resolved*, That every church in this Association strive to maintain a thorough Baptist Sunday school all the year round, and use no other than Baptist literature.

2—*Resolved*, That we recommend the American Baptist to every family in this Association.

3—*Resolved*, That we recommend the churches to require their members to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage.

4—Whereas, We recognize a need of higher christian education, be it *Resolved*, That we are in sympathy with the work being done in our colleges in this state, viz: Shurtleff, Morgan Park and Ewing. And be it further

Resolved, That owing to the proximity of Shurtleff college to the Westfield Association, we recommend that, as an Association, we give our support to Shurtleff.

5—Whereas, The preaching of the Word is of such vital importance in advancing the cause of Christ, be it

Resolved, That we regard more fully the relation existing between the church and the ministry.

6—*Resolved*, That we hereby tender our thanks to Freedom church and friends for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

"Ye are the light of the world" was spoken by the Lord Jesus to his disciples, centuries ago, but applicable in its teaching and enforcement on the Christian church and the individual disciple of this, the ninteenth century. Not only are disciples of Christ declared to be the "salt of the earth," that is, they are to preserve the world from moral ruin, but they are to be a "light" by means of which the world or the mass of mankind may see the *truth* exemplified.

Christ, while here on earth, did the "Will of Him that sent Him." He had the commendation that He pleased the Father. When He was ready to depart and leave the world He said unto the Father "I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest

Me to do, and now I come to Thee." To His disciples He said: "I appoint unto you a kingdom," and we who to-day are members of Christ's church, His body, are subjects of that kingdom, and just as Christ came into the world to do the "will of the Father," even *so* should we do the will of Christ our King.

We are to *let* our light so shine, not hinder, that men "May see our good works and glorify God." In order to further enforce this truth the Saviour said: "Men do not light a candle in order that they may put it under a bushel." No, they can put it under a bushel without lighting it; but it is to be placed where it will give light, do some good. Now then if the candle had the power of lighting itself, it might be optional about its own shining, but the candle is lit by men, and that for a purpose. So with the disciples; they did not light themselves; Christ touched the wick of their souls, that is if they had ever been lit, and gave them a flame, and that for a specific purpose. That purpose was that by their good works they were to be a "Light of the world."

Christ Himself is declared to be "the light of the world," and so are His disciples as far as His light is in them. If they are in Him, His light is in them. Not simply a reflected light, such as the moon gives, but the disciples are to be His representatives among men to communicate and enforce truth. For it is said "the entrance of Thy word giveth light."

The disciple is to be a light-house on the shore, his light always trimmed and burning. We know what a light-house on the shore means. It means the temporal salvation of those who travel upon the sea. A traveler once visiting the light-house at Calias said to the keeper "But what if one of your lights should go out at night?" "Never! Impossible!" he cried. "Sir, yonder are ships sailing to all parts of the world. If to-night one of my burners were out, in six months I should hear from America or India, saying that on such a night the lights at Calias light-house gave no warning, and some vessel had been wrecked. Ah, sir! sometimes I feel when I look upon my lights as if the eyes of the whole world were fixed upon me. Go out! burn dim! never! impossible!"

Paul says of the christian he is to be "known and read of all men." Yes, the eyes of the world will be upon him. What a lesson of responsibility to the christian! Brethern and sisters, it is no romance which makes the christian a spiritual light-house for the world, with the eyes of the whole world upon him. Let our light be full and bright and clear; let it burn steady. The moment we neglect it, and leave it untrimmed and hinder its burning, some poor soul, struggling amid temptation, for lack of it may be dashed upon the rocks of destruction.

Yours in the hope of success in the christian work,

R. Wiley.

OUR DEAD.

Elder J. B. Walker, aged seventy five years, died July 14th, 1888. He united with Good Hope (now Westfield) church March 10, 1836: was licensed to preach December 15, 1860, and soon after ordained. He was one of the founders of the Westfield Association and lived in its bounds until death. He continued to labor in the ministry till enfeebled by old age. In the last year of his life he moved his membership from Little Flock church, it having gone down, back to Westfield.

Seven weeks after his death he was followed by his aged and faithful wife, whose membership was with Little Flock church.

The other deaths reported are as follows: Jesse Beabout, Bethel; Naomi V. Weaver, Bethlehem; Irason Taylor, Clarksville; T. McAvoy, Clarksville; Elisha M. Heath, Clarksville; Oliver Meloy, Clarksville; Media Meloy, Clarksville; Elizabeth Dudley, Enon; Sarah Carnes, Enon; Elizabeth Wilson, Harmony; Benjamin Hetherington, Cumberland; Jacob Watts, Cumberland, and Lida Doty, Cumberland. One more was reported from Cumberland and one from Macedonia, but their names were not given.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CALLED WESTFIELD.

Article 1—We believe there is only one living and true God, and that He has revealed Himself to us in the Scriptures of Truth under the appellation of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. John I-1. John V-6.

2—We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and our holy rule of faith and practice. II Timothy III-1, 5, 17.

3—We believe man has lost his original purity by the sin of our first parents; the consequence of which is universal inclination to transgress God's holy law. Rom. V-12.

4—We believe the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through the santification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. I Peter I-2.

5—We believe that sinners are justified before God by faith in Jesus Christ, who was made to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Rom. V-1, II Cor. V-21.

6—We believe that Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. Heb. II-9, John III-15.

7—We believe that the saints will persevere unto the end, being kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. I Peter I-5.

8—We believe that good works are the fruits of a renewed heart, as expressed by the Apostle, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. II-8, 10.

9—We believe in the resurrection of the body of the just and unjust. John V-28, 29.

10—We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He hath ordained, whereof He hath given assurance unto all men in that He hath raised Him from the dead. Acts XVII-31.

11—We believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. XXXV-46.

12- We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that none but the true believers are proper subjects, and immersion only is baptism; and that such baptized believers, only, are scripturally entitled to the Lord's Supper. Matt. XXVIII-14. Mark XVI-16. Acts II-24, 42.

13—We believe in observance of the first day of the week, or Lord's day, to spend in the public or private worship of God; and to refrain from worldly business, except works of necessity and mercy. Deut. IV-12. Acts XX-7.

14 -We believe in the Gospel Ministry as ordained of God, through Jesus Christ, and that it is our duty to support, maintain and uphold the same. Acts XIII-2, 3. I Cor. IX-14, II Cor. IX-7.

15—We believe it is the duty of heads of families to visibly maintain the worship of God in their families by prayer and thanksgiving. I Thes. II-17, 18.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1—The Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our Union and sent to represent the churches to which they belong, producing letters certifying to their appointment.

2—The churches in their letters shall state the number baptized, received by letter, excluded, and the total number in fellowship, from one Association to another.

3—This body shall be considered as an advisory council, to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; inquiring into the cause of churches failing to represent themselves by letter and delegates; to appoint any member or members by and with his or her consent to transact any business that they may think proper; inviting visiting brethren to a seat in the council with us; adjourn to any place within the bounds of the churches composing the Association.

4—Exclude from their seats disorderly members who prove incorrigible; giving a true statement of facts to church or churches to which such members belong; receiving charges against any church composing our body that practices contrary to Gospel order.

5—A majority shall rule in all cases; except admission of churches, which shall require a unanimous vote. Provided, if any object, a committee shall be appointed who shall weigh said objection and report to the Association, which shall receive or reject said report by a majority vote.

6—All churches seeking admission into the Association shall be required to present a copy of their constitution and articles of faith.

7—The Association, when properly organized, shall consist of a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to preserve order, state all propositions fairly and take the minds thereon; to have the same liberty of speech in debate as another member if his seat be filled, and to have the casting vote in case of a tie.

8—The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep correctly all proceedings of the Association.

9—The rules of decorum may be changed or altered at any regular session of the Association by a majority, if thought necessary.

10—The Association shall open and close each session with prayer.

11—The letters shall be read from each church, and Messenger's names enrolled and called as often as expedient.

12—When a member speaks, he shall rise to his feet, address the Moderator, confine himself closely to the subject before the Association, cast no insinuations upon the members who have spoken previously, and not to be disturbed unless he violates the rules of decorum, and only speaks twice on one subject, unless he gets permission.

13—No proposition shall be attended to without a second.

14—The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

15—No member shall address another in terms only brotherly, or abruptly leave his seat without permission of the Moderator.

16—Any motion may be withdrawn by him who moves it, before decided upon, by consent of the second.

17—All queries brought before the Association must be discussed or brought before the church for its hearing before sent up to the Association.

The Westfield Baptist Sunday schools met in convention at Freedom church at 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday, Sept. 6, '88. Convention was opened by devotional exercises conducted by Elder Andis.

1—Address, "The Model Superintendent," by T. J. Thornton, followed by others.

2—Address by Mrs. Sally Lindsey, subject, "The Sunday School as a Missionary Agency." Mrs. Lindsey also gave a report of the Children's Missionary Band, of Martinsville, called the "King's Children."

3—Remarks by Elders Hawkins and Lanman, on the subject assigned B. F. Carothers, viz: "Should We Make Our Doctrine Prominent in the Sunday School?"

4—Remarks by R. Wiley and T. J. Thornton, on the subject assigned to R. A. Fuson, viz: "How Can We Bring Our Sunday Schools to a Higher Standard?"

5—Prayer by Wm. Woodrum.

6—Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention convened at 7 o'clock p. m. Services were opened by devotional exercises, conducted by Elder Lanman.

1—Address by Elder R. Wiley, subject, "Spiritual Growth as an Element of Success in Sunday School Work."

2—Kindergarten work presented and outlined by Miss Abbie Nebeker, who showed how the work can be used in the Sunday school. The lesson of the "Ten Talents" and "Christ's Baptism" were reviewed by Miss Nebeker in a thrilling manner.

3—Report of schools.

4—Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Convention met at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Services were opened by devotional exercises, led by Elder Thornton.

1—Address by Mrs. A. H. Norman, subject, "Our Missions and Qualifications as Teachers."

2—Paper by Mrs. Ella Welsh, subject, "The Leading Elements of Sunday School Work."

3—Election of officers as follows: J. C. Goble, Pres.; B. F. Carothers, 1st Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Ella Welsh, 2d Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Martha Widmaier, 3d Vice-Pres.; S. J. Wilson, 4th Vice-Pres. and W. L. Goble, Secretary.

4—On motion it was decided to hold an Associational Sunday school convention at Enon church, two and one-half miles southwest of Ashmore, on Wednesday and Thursday before the fifth Sunday in December, '88.

5—Reading and adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That our heartiest thanks are due, and hereby extended, to the good people of Freedom church, of Westfield Association, for the royal welcome they have given us, and that we shall be only too glad to accept their hospitality upon similar occasions in the future.

6—Adjournment to meet at the above mentioned time and place.

The above exercises were interspersed with music, well rendered, by Freedom school.

W. L. GOBLE, Secretary.

NAMES.	No. of officers and teachers	No. of scholars	Average attendance	Running expenses	Children's day offering	Months held	Scholars baptized
Bethel	9	100	75	$ 8 00	$ 3 00	9	
Bethlehem	9	65	42	19 18	5 90	12	1
Cumberland	10	80	50	25 00		12	10
Enon	8	40	27	45 00	6 00	12	5
Freedom	9	35	40	6 00		12	3
Harmony	10	45	39	13 50	2 85	12	
Martinsville	12	73	65	25 21	6 50	12	7
Mt. Moriah, No. 1	9	46	35	6 00	2 73	9	
Westfield	10	50	33	15 00	1 35	12	4
Totals	86	534	406	$152 89	$ 28 33	102	30

Other churches have schools, but did not report them. We hope they will respond in the future when asked for reports.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS.			Membership.....	Contribution for Minutes.	Value of Church Property	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE
	Baptism.....	Letter.....	Experience.....	Restoration.....	Letter.....	Exclusion.....	Death.....							
Bethel.....	1				1	1	1	80	$ 1 50	$ 500	J L Wright	Clark Centre Ill	D H Clements	West York Ill
Bethlehem.....	3	1	5		3		1	55	1 50		J W Bradley	Charleston Ill	T D Davis	Lerna Ill
Clarksville.....	1				3	8	5	83	1 50	1200	F B Ennis	Dolson Ill	R O Hawkins	Dolson Ill
Cumberland.....	16	5	5		4	4	4	99	1 50	800	C D Ripple	Casey Ill	R A Fuson	Casey Ill
Enon.....	5			1	1	1	2	52	1 00	1500	W Woodrum	Charleston Ill	T J Thornton	Ashmore Ill
Freedom.....	8			1	1	7		99	1 25		Joseph Shade	Clark Centre Ill	W P Andis	Marshall Ill
Harmony.....						1	1	21	80	800	S J Wilson	Jewett Ill	Isaac Hays	Neoga Ill
Macedonia.....						2	1	30	50	500	Wm S Wood	Casey Ill	L W Lanman	McPherson Ill
Martinsville.....	13	4	5		1	3		73	1 11	1800	Isaac Ulrey	Martinsville Ill	T J Thornton	Ashmore Ill
Mill Creek.....			5	1		3		32	1 00		A Wilbur	Melrose Ill	W P Andis	Marshall Ill
Mt. Moriah, No. 1.					•	6		60	1 00		J W Walker	Maxville Ind	L W Lanman	McPherson Ill
Mt. Moriah, No. 2.								38						
New Haven.....								33			S T Kershn'r	Paris Ill		
Vermilion.....			1			3		17						
Westfield.....	1		3		2	27	1	74	1 00	1000				
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The Moderator being absent, Elder Hawkins was elected moderator *pro tempore.*

The letters from the various churches were then read, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethel—J. Shade, D. C. James, J. L. Wright, Nancy James, Rachael Shade and Kate Wright.

Bethlehem—L. W. Lanman, F. W. Lanman, J. A. Lang, Belle Bowles and Dora E. Lanman.

Clarksville—R. O. Hawkins, F. B. Ennis, Wm. Miller, Wm. H. Hutchings, T. Graham, Martha Widmaier and R. O. Hawkins.

Cumberland—R. A. Fuson, James Parker and wife, J. W. Adkins, O. L. Donner and John Kite.

Enon—W. P. Robinson, James Fears, Emma Robinson and Lura Dudley.

Freedom—J. D. Roundtree, Hiram Mallory, Josephine Mundy and M. A. Tapscott.

Harmony—A. Wilson and W. C. Reynolds.

Macedonia—E. Stanberry, Wm. S. Wood, Jane S. Wood and Rebecca Collins.

Martinsville—John Poe, M. Ulrey and Wm. Ennis.

Mill Creek—A. Wilbur and John Highshoe.

Mt. Moriah No. 1—I. P. Brown, J. Christine, J. W. Walker, A. Robinson, Scott Stogsdill, Jerome Stogsdill, O. C. Page and Martha Leasure.

Vermillion—T. C. Brown and S. T. Kershner.

Westfield—Alexander Love, Wm. Goble, J. C. Goble, Wm. Fender, W. L. Goble and Martha Waltrip.

Election of moderator and clerk as follows: Elder R. O. Hawkins, moderator, W. L. Goble, clerk.

Messengers from corresponding associations were then called for, and responded as follows:

Palestine—Elders D. H. Clements and Z. M. Whitaker.

Bloomfield—Elders W. W. Williams and R. Wiley and Sister Cynthia Wiley.

By motion and second Elder W. W. Hay was received as a representative of the State Association.

Messengers to other associations were appointed as follows:

Palestine—Elder J. H. Poe.

Mattoon—Elders Lanman and Stanberry, and Thomas C. Brown.

Bloomfield—Elder R. O. Hawkins and Bros. Alex. Love and T. C. Brown.

State Association—Rev. L. W. Lanman.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Pastor and messengers of Mt. Moriah as committee on divine service.

Circular Letter—Elder Lanman.

Resolutions—W. L. Goble, J. C. Goble and E. Stanberry.

Obituaries—Elders Wiley, Williams and Hay.

A committee on missions and also one on finance was appointed but withdrawn with the idea of appointing a mission board to take the place of the two. The appointment of the board was deferred.

Reading of the letter from Macedonia church.

On motion the Association proceeded to select the place of holding the next session, which was decided to be at Bethel, two miles east of Martinsville, Ill., on the Vandalia R. R.

On motion the Association proceeded to elect ministers to preach the doctrinal and introductory discourses at the next annual session. The election resulted as follows: Elder Lanman for introductory; Elder Hawkins, alternate. Elder Stanberry for the doctrinal; Elder Lanman, alternate.

On motion 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, was appointed as the time for Elder Hay to present the claims of the State Association.

Report of the committee on divine service as follows: Preaching, Friday eve at Mt. Moriah by Elders Williams and Whitaker; at Dunlap Chapel by Elders Wiley and Clements; at Armstrong Chapel by Elders Hay and Bratton.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:15 Saturday morning. After singing, a lesson was read and prayer offered by Elder Williams.

Minutes of Friday's session were read and adopted.

Clerk was ordered to write and have printed in the minutes a corresponding letter.

Report of clerk and treasurer, which was adopted. See report.

On motion the clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes.

Report of the president of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the West.

On motion a committee of three, viz: Elders Williams, Wiley and Lanman, was appointed to draft an order of business to be inserted in the minutes.

Report of the committee on resolutions was read, and the resolutions considered and adopted severally. See report.

Report of committee appointed to draft an order of business. The report was amended and adopted.

On motion the third article of the Rules of Decorum was amended to read as follows:

This body shall be considered as an advisory council, to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; inquiring into the cause of churches failing to represent themselves by letter and delegates; to appoint any member or members by and with his or her consent to transact any business that they may think proper; appoint a mission board whose duty shall be to superintend the missionary work in the bounds of this association; to invite visiting brethren to a seat in council with us, and adjourn to any place within the bounds of the churches composing this Association.

The eighth article was then amended to read:

The duty of the clerk shall be to keep correctly all proceedings of the

Association. The treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and pay out by order of this body.

Report of the committee on associational missions. See report as adopted.

The claims of the State Association were then presented by Elder W. W. Hay, and a collection, amounting to $10.03, taken to assist in liquidating the State missionary debt.

On motion a collection was taken to increase the amount of minute money. The collection amounted to $4.31.

A committe was then appointed to nominate a mission board. Committee consisted of Elders Lanman, Stanberry and Poe.

On motion Elder Hawkins was released from preaching the doctrinal discourse, and Elder Williams elected in his stead.

The Association adjourned and proceeded to the grove, where Elder Williams preached the doctrinal sermon from the following text: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." Daniel ii, 44. The subject was well handled, and church succession ably sustained.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association at 2 o'clock p. m., with moderator in chair, and after singing and prayer, proceeded to business.

Elder J. M. Turner was received as a representative of Courries Prairie Association and invited to a seat in council.

The committee appointed to nominate the mission board reported, and Elders Lanman and Stanberry, and Brothers J. C. Goble, Alexander Wilson, F. B. Ennis, Josiah Christine and Thomas C. Brown were elected as the Associational Mission Board.

Report of the committee on divine services at follows: Preaching Saturday eve at Armstrong Chapel by Elders Turner and Whitaker; Dunlap Chapel by Elders Kershner and Stanberry; at Mt. Moriah by Elders Clements and Poe. Preaching Sunday morning at Mt. Moriah by Elders Clements and Hawkins; afternoon by Turner and Stanberry.

Minutes of the day's proceedings were then read and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1890, with Bethel church, three miles east of Martinsville, Ill.

R. O. HAWKINS, Moderator.

W. L. GOBLE, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MISSIONS.

Your committee on missions beg leave to report the following: We find in hands of treasurer $11.95. We recommend that a committee be appointed to draft a system of rules specifying the duties of the committee on Missions.

F. B. Ennis,
Alex. Wilson, } Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee, would submit the following resolutions:

1—*Resolved*, That we recommend the churches to require their members to abstain from the use of alcoholic drinks, and further that we recommend that they should use their influence against the manufacture and sale thereof, as a beverage.

2—*Resolved*, That we recommend the churches of this Association to discontinue the practice of receiving alien baptism.

3—*Resolved*, That we recommend that the pastors and Superintendents of Sabbath schools urge the importance of a good attendance at the Sunday school conventions.

4—*Resolved*, That we believe the lack of funds for mission work, and the insufficient salaries of pastors, is owing to the fact that the pastors have failed to do their duty in properly setting before the people their obligations in respect to this matter. And we therefore urge a reawakening to begin with the pastors and permeate the whole membership of our churches.

5—*Resolved*, That we hereby tender our thanks to Mt. Moriah church and friends for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

E. Stanberry,
J. C. Goble,
W. L. Goble, } Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE LETTER.

Dear Brethren:—We are now in our twenty-seventh annual session and hope that steps have been taken that will lift us to a higher plain of

action. We realize that we have not made the progress as an Association that we should, and truly appreciate the valuable aid rendered by visiting Brothers. We wish to continue correspondence with you and hope to be represented in your Associations.

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER.

Amount received	$	16 46
Amount paid out for printing		12 50
" " " for posting minutes		80
" " " correspodence		30
Total		13 60
Amount left for clerk's services		2 31

W. L. GOBLE, Clerk and Treasurer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order; by Moderator.
2. Introductory sermon.
2. Reading of letters and enrollment of messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Invitation for churches to become members.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appointment of committees:
   - (a) On Divine service.
   - (b) On finance.
   - (c) Resolutions.
   - (d) Obituaries.
   - (e) Nomination of mission board.
   - (f) Corresponding letter.
   - (g) On home missions.
   - (h) On foreign missions.
8. Appointment of messengers to corresponding associations.
9. Selection of place of holding the next annual session.
10. Election of ministers to preach the introductory and doctrinal discourses.
11. Report of mission boards.
12. Report of committees.
13. Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION.

R. O. Hawkins, Dolson, Ill.
J. H. Poe, Needmore, Ill
E. Stanberry, Greenup, Ill.
L. W. Landman, Charleston, Ill.
W. P. Andis, Marshall, Ill.
S. T. Kershner, Vermillion, Ill.

Licentiates, one; viz: Alexander Love of Westfield, Ill.

OUR DEAD.

Eleven of our members are reported as having departed this life during our associational year. While we are left to mourn their loss, they have gone to their reward. May we each live to the glory of God and when death comes be found ready.

Through neglect of clerks the names of two from Martinsville and two from Cumberland Church were not given. The others are as follows: Linos Gilbert, of Bethel Church, age 86, duration of membership, 34 years; Louisa Nicelson, of Clarksville, duration of membership, 19 years; Peter Rhoadboug, of Clarksville, age 90, duration of membership, 10 years; Susanah Lannman, of Bethlehem, age 78, duration of membership, 63 years; Sarah Murphy, of Mill Creek; Carrie Webb, of Mill Creek, age 28, duration of membership, 12 years; Maria Sherman, of Harmony, age 63, duration of membership, 7 years.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CALLED WESTFIELD.

Article 1—We believe there is only one living and true God, and that He has revealed Himself to us in the Scriptures of Truth under the appellation of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. John i–1. John v–6.

2—We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and our holy rule of faith and practice. II Timothy iii, 1, 5' 17.

3—We believe man has lost his original purity by the sin of our first parents; the consequences of which is universal inclination to transgress God's holy law. Rom. v–12.

4—We believe the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through the sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. I Peter i–2.

5—We believe that sinners are justified before God by faith in Jesus Christ, who was made to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Rom. v–1, II Cor. v–21.

6—We believe that Christ, by the Grace of God, tasted death for every man; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. Heb. ii–9, John iii–15.

7—We believe that the saints will persevere unto the end, being kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. I Peter i–5.

8—We believe that good works are the fruits of a renewed heart, as expressed by the Apostle, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God had ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. ii–8, 10.

9—We believe in the resurrection of the body of the just and unjust.

10—We believe God Hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He hath ordained, whereof He hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised Him from the dead. Acts xvii–31.

11—We believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. xxxv–46.

12—We believe that Bapitsm and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that none but the true believers are proper subjects, and immersion only is baptism; and that such baptized be-

lievers, only, are scripturally entitled to the Lord's Supper. Matt. xxviii–14. Mark xvi–16. Acts ii–24, 42.

13—We believe in observance of the first day of the week, or Lord's day, to spend in the public or private worship of God; and to refrain from worldly business, except works of necessity and mercy. Deut. iv–12. Acts xx–7.

14—We believe in the Gospel Ministry as ordained of God, through Jesus Christ, and that it is our duty to support, maintain and uphold the same. Acts xiii–2, 3. 1 Cor. ix–14. II Cor. ix–7.

15—We believe it is the duty of heads of families to visibly maintain the worship of God in their families by prayer and thanksgiving. I Thes. ii–17, 18.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1—The Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our Union and sent to represent the churches to which they belong, producing letters certifying to their appointment.

2—The churches in their letters shall state the number baptized, received by letter excluded, and the total number in fellowship, from one Association to another.

3—This body shall be considered as an advisory council, to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; inquiring into the cause of churches failing to represent themselves by letter and delegates; to appoint any member or members, by and with his or her consent, to transact any business that they may think proper; appoint a mission board whose duty shall be to superintend the missionary work in the bounds of this Association; to invite visiting brethren to a seat in council with us; and adjourn to any place within the bounds of the churches comprising this Association.

4—Exclude from their seats disorderly members who prove incorrigible; giving a true statement of facts to church or churches to which such members belong; receiving charges against any church composing our body that practices contrary to Gospel order.

5—A majority shall rule in all cases; except admission of churches, which shall require a unanimous vote. Provided, if any object, a committee shall be appointed who shall weigh said objection and report to the Association, which shall receive or reject said report by a majority vote.

6—All churches seeking admission into the Association shall be required to present a copy of their constitution and articles of faith.

7—The Association, when properly organized, shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer , chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to preserve order, state all propositions fairly and take the minds thereon; to have the same liberty of speech in debate as another member if his seat be filled, and to have the casting vote in case of a tie.

8—The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep correct minutes of all pro-

ceedings of the Association. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and pay out by order of this body.

9—The rules of decorum may be changed or altered at any regular session of the Association by a majority, if thought necessary.

10—The Association shall open and close each session with prayer.

11—The letters shall be read from each church, and Messenger's names enrolled and called as often as expedient.

12—When a member speaks, he shall rise to his feet, address the Moderator, confine himself closely to the subject before the Association, cast no insinuations upon the members who have spoken previously, and not be disturbed unless he violates the rules of decorum, and only speaks twice on one subject, unless he gets permission.

13—No proposition shall be attended to without a second.

14—The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

15—No member shall address another in terms only brotherly, or abruptly leave his seat witheut permission of the Modrator.

16—Any motion may be withdrawn by him who moves it, before decided upon, by consent of the second.

17—All queries brought before the Association must be discussed or brought before the church for its hearing before sent up to the Association.

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session of the Associational S. S. Convention.

The Sunday Schools of the Westfield Association met in convention with Mt. Moriah Church on Saturday, September 7. at 2:45 p. m., with President in chair.

After singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and hearing a scripture lesson and prayer by Elder Clements, the convention proceeded with the programme:

Address by Elder Hawkins: "Unoccupied Fields."

Song: "Great Physician."

Address by Elder Turner: "Why Baptists should be More Aggressive.

Song: "To the Rock that is Higher than I."

Report of Schools.

The subject of Union Schools was discussed with much vigor.

Election of Officers for ensuing year as follows: Elder S. T. Kershner, President; B. F. Carothers, first Vice-President; Mrs. Ella Welch, second Vice-President; Mrs. Martha Widmaier, third Vice-President; S. J. Wilson, fourth Vice-President; and Elbrige Dudley, Secretary.

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, at 2 oclock p. m. Thursday before the next association.

W. L. Goble, Secretary.

Table of Sunday School Statistics.

NAMES.	Officers and Teachers..	Scholars.....	Average Attendance...	Running Expenses....	Amount given for Baptist S. S. Work.....	Other Purposes.....	Months held.....	Scholars Baptised.....
Bethel.....	11	65	35	$ 8 00	$		6	8
Bethlehem.....	8	48	30	12 10			12	1
Clarksville	10	45	40	12 00	3 80		12	
Cumberland....	7	75	50	25 00	2 00	42 50	12	2
Enon.....	9	40	35				12	
Harmony (Un.).....	12	110	80	15 75			12	7
Martinsville....	10	85	70	37 08	3 52	10 58	12	11
Macedonia (Un.).....	7	50	39				6	
Westfield.....	9	43	35	11 18	2 60	50	12	0
Total	83	561	414	$121 11	$ 11 92	$53 58		29

Freedom has a school, but their report never reached the Secretary. Please comply when asked for reports, and always give full statistics.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAMES.	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS.			Membership	Contribution for Minutes	Value of Church Property.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE
	Baptism	Letter	Experience	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death							
Bethel	8				6	2	1	78	$ 2 00	$ 500	J. L. Wright	Clark Centre Ill	D. H. Clements	West York Ill
Bethlehem	3	2	2		14	2	1	45	1 25	600	M. C. Oliver.	Charleston Ill	L. W. Lanman	Charleston Ill
Clarksville							2	83	2 00	1200	Bruce Clapp.	Dolson Ill	J. H. Poe	Needmore Ill
Cumberland	6	3	5			1	2	110	1 60	800	C. D. Ripple.	Casey Ill	R. A. Fuson,	Casey Ill
Enon					5	2		45	1 00	1500	Wm. Woodrum	Charleston Ill	T. J. Thornton	Loxa Ill
Freedom	5	2				15		93	1 00	50	W. R. Tapscott	Clark Centre Ill		
Harmony	1		1		2		1	20	1 00	800	S. J. Wilson.	Jewett Ill	Isaac Hayes	Neoga Ill
Macedonia			1					31	10	500	W. S. Wood	Casey Ill	E. Stanberry	Greenup Ill
Martinsville	12	3	5		3	1	2	84	1 90	1800	G. B. Sallee	Martinsville Ill	T. J. Thornton	Loxa Ill
Mill Creek			1			1	2	28			W. A. Taylor.	Marshall Ill		
Mt. Moriah, No. 1						4		52	1 00		J. W. Walker.	Macksville Ind	L. W. Lanman	Charleston Ill
Mt. Moriah, No. 2								38						
New Haven								33						
Vermillion						1		16	50	200	S. T. Kershner.	Vermillion Ill		
Westfield		1	2						1 25	1000	W. C. Fender.	Westfield Ill	W. W. Hay	Ashland Ill
Total	35	11	17		30	28	11	756	$14 60	$ 8950				

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MINUTES

OF THE

40th Annual Session

OF THE

Westfield Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Cumberland Church

Clark County, Ill., Sept. 11-13, 1902

Moderator--Elder T. D. Davis, Charleston
Clerk--Lyman Beabout, Dolson

Next Session will be held with Macedonia Baptist Church, beginning Thursday at 2 p m before second Sunday in September, 1903

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY.

Officers.

Moderator, T. D. Davis, Charleston.
Clerk, Lyman Beabout, Dolson.

Sunday School Officers.

President, Mrs. Howell.
Secretary, U. P. Clapp.

Ordained Ministers.

John Highshoe, Walnut Prairie.
J. G. Vicars, Ferrell.
S. T. Kershner, Terre Haute.
J. H. Poe, Casey.
W. R. Strader, Casey.

Licentiates.

J. Coppock.
G. W. Estel, Gila.

Mission Board.

Superintendent, T. D. Davis.
Members, M. A. Tyler, J. C. Goble, T. J. Sharp, Wyatt Wood.

Session 1903.

Place, Macedonia.
Time, Thursday, 2 p m, before second Sunday in September.
Introductory Sermon, Rev. R. Wiley.
Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. G. D. Hendrickson.

Program Committee,

Lyman Beabout, J. C. Goble, J. E. Dudley.

Corresponding Bodies and Messengers.

Palestine Association, Elders W. A. Fuson, W. P. Chamness and T. J. Wheeler.
Mattoon Association, Rev. Stansbury.
Olney Association, R. F. Killgore.
Bloomfield Association.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	ADDRESS.	CLERK.	ADDRESS.
Bethel	T. J. Wheeler	West York	John Husted	Martinsville
Casey	G. D. Hendricks'n	Casey	J. H. Poe	Casey
Clarksville	W. A. Fuson	Hutsonville	R. B. Clapp	Dolson
Cumberland			O. Donner	Casey
Eanon	P. F Hays	Neal	W. E. McDivitt	Charleston
Freedom	J. C. Craig	Allright	W. R. Tapscott	Clark Centre
Harmony	F. M. Tate	Johnstown	S. J. Wilson	Montrose
Martinsville			G. B. Sallee	Martinsville
Marshall	W. B Lile	Olney	Ava Cockrell	Marshall
Mt. Moriah	W. P. Andis	Clark Center	W. S. Stogsdill	State Line
Mill Creek	W. P. Chamness	Orange	A. R. Blizzard	Marshall R.R.1
Macedonia	T. D. Davis	Charleston	J. R. Brookhart	Casey
Little Flock				
Westfield	T. D. Davis	Charleston	Jesse J. Drake	Westfield
Walla Walla			W. H. Roberts	Walla Walla

MINUTES.

The Westfield Baptist Association met in its 40th Anniversary with the Cumberland Church Thursday at 2 p. m., before the second Sunday in September, 1902, being the 11th day of the month.

The officers of the Association being present, the Moderator called the meeting to order.

After song Rev. T. J. Sharp read the 103rd Psalm and Rev. F. M. Tate offered prayer.

The roll of churches was then called by the Clerk and the letters presented.

The Moderator appointed Elders T. J. Wheeler and B. F. Rodman to read the letters.

The Messengers were enrolled as follows:

BETHEL—Marinda Beabout, John Husted, John Brossman, Emily Brossman, George Beabout, Rowena Beabout, L. G. Fasig, Goldie Church, Matilda Phillips.

CLARKSVILLE—W. H. Hutchings, F. B. Ennis, U. P. Clapp, M. A. Hall, Elizabeth Peas, Lyman Beabout, Ruth Beabout, Lyman Newman, Jane Newman, Eld. W. A. Fuson, George Hughes, Ephraim Hawkins, Charles Clapp, James Perry, Hannah Perry, David Rood, Esther Rood, Clara Clapp, Ethel Rood, W. F. Clapp.

CASEY—W. L. Wood, G. D Hendrickson, C. H. Michael, G. W. Parker, J. H. Jackson, Jane Wood, Sister Kile.

CUMBERLAND—W. R. Strader, W. R. Rhoden and wife, H. Perkins and wife, Wm. Donner and wife, O. Donner

EANON—J. E Dudley, Lafe Rhoden and wife, J. A. Lang and wife, Edward Terrell, Gracie Terrell, W. E McDivitt, O V. Conley and wife, T. A. Brown and wife, Robert Schriner and wife, T. J. Sharp.

FREEDOM—Jack Smitley and wife, Joseph Shade and wife, Allen Pennell and wife, Wm. Mallory and wife, Israel McCullough and wife, A. Scott and wife, and Wm. Leat.

HARMONY—A Wilson, Mrs. S. J. Wilson, Mrs. Hala Anderson.

LITTLE FLOCK—

MARTINSVILLE—Mr and Mrs. Ulrey, C. Howell, J. C. Winters, G. B. Sallee, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sallee, W. H. Randall, Mary Roberts, Viola Comstock.

MARSHALL—M. A. Tyler, G. W. Prewett, Mrs. J. Brosman, Mrs. G. Hurst, Mrs. E. Walker, S. Prewett.

MACEDONIA—J. R. Brookhart, L. A. Stults, Ann Lowe, S. A. Stults, Nellie Hayes, S. S. Dixon.

MILL CREEK—Bro. McCollum and wife, Bro. Thompson and wife, Bro. Jackson and wife, W P. Chamness and A. R. Blizzard.

MT MORIAH—O. C. Page, M. Page, S. T. Kershner, S. P. Clark, J. W. Walker, W. P. Andis.

WESTFIELD—Mrs Betsey Briscoe, Jessie J. Drake, J. C. Goble, William Goble, Mrs. Martha Waltrip, T. D. Davis, Cynthia Foreman, W. C. Fender, Cephas Goble, and Cenith Goble.

WALLA WALLA—Not represented.

Organization.

The Association organized by electing Elder T. D. Davis Moderator and Lyman Beabout Clerk.

The Pastor and Messengers of the Cumberland church were appointed by the Moderator as a committee on Divine Services.

The following committees were also appointed by the Moderator:

State Missions, Elders B. F. Rodman, R. Wiley, L. Stansberry.

Home Missions, Elders S. C. Fulmer, W. R. Strader, G. D. Hendickson.

Foreign Missions, Elders Frank Kurtz, T. J. Sharp and S. T. Kershner.

Education, Elders W. P. Throgmorton, W. A. Fuson and W. P. Chamness.

Finance, G. D. Hendickson, George Hughes and F. B. Ennis.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missions—

Time, Place, etc., of next Association, J. E. Dudley, J. C. Goble, J. L. Montgomery, Riley Brookhart, George Beabout, A. Wilson.

Sunday School—

B. Y. P. U —

Resolutions, W. R. Strader, T. J. Sharp, S. T. Kershner.

Obituary, Wm. Goble, Lyman Newman, M. A. Tyler.

Publication Society and S. S., Elders G. W. Danbury, F. M. Tate and T. J. Wheeler.

To nominate Association Mission Board, Lute Stultz, Frank Brown, Charles Hawkins.

Corresponding Letter, Elder W. A. Fuson.

Systematic Beneficence, Elders R. Wiley, W. P. Throgmorton and B. F. Rodman.

Reports of Corresponding Bodies and Messengers were called for and the following responded:

Mattoon Association, Elders Stansbury and F. M. Tate.

Bloomfield Association, not represented.

Palestine Association, Rev. W. A. Fuson, Rev. T. J. Wheeler and Rev. W. P. Chamness.

Olney Association, Rev. R. F. Killgore.

Publication Society, Rev. D. W. Danbury.

State Mission Society, Rev. B. F. Rodman.

Foreign Mission Society, Rev. Frank Kurtz.

Home Mission Society, Rev. S. C. Fulmer.

Central Baptist, Rev. W. P Thogmorton.

The Moderator appointed Messengers to the Corresponding Bodies as follows:

Palestine Association, Rev. T. J. Sharp, F. B. Ennis, Rev. W. R. Strader, J. L. Montgomery and Rev. T. D. Davis.

Mattoon Association, Elders T. J. Sharp, T. D. Davis.

Olney Association, Lyman Newman, Rev. T. J. Sharp.

Bloomfield Association, Rev. G. D. Hendrickson and J. C Goble.

Introductory.

On motion all visiting brethren were invited to a seat in the council.

Committee on program reported. On motion program was adopted as read.

Rev. Frank Kurtz who had been a missionary in India for ten years, now made an address on Foreign Missions.

Song. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Danbury.

Association adjourned to meet at 7:00.

Thursday Night.

Association met at 7.00 p. m ; called to order by the Moderator. Song. Devotional services led by Rev. J. C. Crouch of Louisville, Ky., by reading Scriptural lesson and offering prayer.

7:30—Rev. W. A. Fuson, of Hutsonville, Illinois, took the stand and preached the Introductory Sermon. Text: Philippians 4th chapter, 13th verse, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Subject, "Paul's Ideal."

Song. Benediction by Rev. W. P. Throgmorton. Adjournment.

Friday Morning.

At 9:00 a. m. the Moderatcr called the Association to order. Song. Devotional services were conducted by Eld. T. J. Sharp by reading the 23rd Psalm as a Scriptural lesson. Prayer by Eld. F. M. Tate.

A resolution was now offered which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church of Marshall has received to its membership an excluded member of the First Baptist Church of Olney without the consent of the Olney Church and without even conferring with the Olney Church ; and,

WHEREAS, such a course is destructive of good order and breaks the fellowship of churches ; Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association advises Marshall Church to reconsider its action in the matter referred to and take such action as is usual in Baptist Churches in dealing with such cases.

Discussed by J. C. Goble, Elds. W. P. Throgmorton, G. W. Danbury, W. A. Fuson and T. D. Davis and others

On motion resolution was adopted as read.

Report of the American Baptist Publication Society and Sunday School Work:

The American Baptist Publication Society has for the past seventy-eight years been one of the greater Missionary agencies of our denomination. Its Sunday School Missionaries are at work in all the western states and among the colored people of the South. They have organized 12,481 Sunday Schools ; this year 546. The Colporters go "from home to

home" with the Gospel Message, the Bible and printed page in city and villages, in way places. They reach the masses. This past year they have visited 77,412 houses. Colporter wagons were started four years ago; the Society has now twenty-four wagons The Bible work—about $20,000 per year has been expended since 1883 Chapel Car is phenomenal. Number of churches organized 101. Meeting houses secured 87, value of these 87 meeting houses $110,000; Pastors settled 98; Sunday Schools orginazed 197; Baptisms as a result of Chapel Car Work 2,375. Not less than ten thousand persons have professed conversion in meetings held in Chapel Cars.

We would recommend that all of our churches take annual collections for the Missionary department of this Society and that September and October be the time of these collections.

ELDER G. W. DANBURY,
ELDER F. M. TATE, } Committee.
ELDER T. J. WHEELER,

Read by Elder G. W. Danbury. Elder Danbury gave an address in behalf of the report and it was then adopted as read.

Committee on State Missions reported as follows: Your committee on State Missions would submit the following report. The Baptist General Association has been prosecuting Missionary work in our state for more than fifty years. Much of our *growth* as a denomination can be attributed to State Mission Work. But with all the efforts of the past, there are some county seats, and many towns and other destitute localities in the country. We believe that such places should be supplied with Baptist preaching and churches that every one may have opportunity to hear the gospel as we hold it. Therefore we recommend that collections be taken during the months of January and February each year for this work.

ELDER B. F. RODMAN,
ELDER R WILEY, } Committee.

Read by Elder B. F. Rodman. Elder Rodman gave an address in behalf of the report and it was then adopted as read.

11:00—The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Throgmorton of Du Quoin, Illinois. Text, Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or sword?"

Subject:—"Once in grace always in grace."

Song: "How Firm a Foundation." Benediction by Elder W. R. Strader. Adjournment.

Friday Afternoon.

1:30—Devotional Services led by the Moderator.

1:45—Elder S. C. Fulmer, of Indianapolis, Indiana, gave an address on Home Missions; after which a report on Home Missions was read.

On motion report adopted as read.

The report is as follows:

The American Baptist Home Mission Society had under its whole or partial support last year, 1,278 workers, who supplied 2,100 churches and out stations. They preached 99,593 sermons; attended 45,682 prayer-meetings; made 290,082 religious visits; distributed 8,648 Bibles and testaments and 2,010,720 churches; 12,406 new members; organized 142 new churches; and had under their care 1,348 Sunday Schools. The Society aided in the support of 46 schools among the Negroes, Indians, Mexicans, Chinese, Cubans, and Porto Ricans. It also aided in erecting 80 new meeting houses.

Interesting literature will be furnished the churches by Secretary Fulmer, simply for the asking. We most heartily recommend the churches to make a generous offering to Home Missions during November and December and send the same to Rev. S. C. Fulmer, 908 East 15th St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

ELDER S. C. FULMER,
ELDER G. D. HENDRICKSON, } Committee.
ELDER W. R. STRADER,

2:15—By request of Rev. T. J. Wheeler who was to preach at this hour, and it being agreeable with the Association, Rev. J. C. Crouch, of Louisville, Kentucky, took the stand and preached a sermon from the Subject: "The three crosses on Calvary or the plan of Redemption."

Report on Obituary.

We your Committee on Obituaries would submit the following report: The letters from the different churches show that during the past year we have lost seventeen of our number by death as follows:—Harmony, 1; Marshall, 1; Clarksville, 2; Bethel 3; Freedom 2; Martinsville 2; Macedonia, 2; Casey, 1; Mill Creek, 2; Westfield, 1.

While we deeply mourn their loss yet we sorrow not as those who have no hope; as we learn they all died in the triumph of a living faith, so they have only gone from labor to reward.

M. A. TYLER,
L. B. NEWMAN, } Committee.
W. R. RHODEN,

Discussed by Elders W. R. Strader, W. A. Fuson and G. D. Hendrickson. Report adopted as read.

The name, age and of what church a member, the deceased for the past year are as follows: Viola Church, Henry Milburn and Martha Milburn (ages not given) Bethel Church; Nancy King, aged 60 years, Casey Church; Bell McIlrath, aged 35 years, and Johnson Lovell, aged 40 years, Clarksville Church; Hiram Mallory, aged 63 years, and Julia McNulty, aged 84 years, Freedom Church; Margaret Diel, aged 60 years, Harmony Church; Roy Roberts, aged 31 years, John H. Roberts, aged 80 years,

Martinsville Church; Sarah J. McDaniel, aged 87 years, Marshall Church; Jane McCollum, aged 81 years, Ida Serwise, aged 43 years, Mill Creek Church; James Lowe and Ellen Collins (ages not given) Macedonia Church; Jeptha Parker, aged 79 years, Westfield Church.

Report of Committee on Education.—Your committee on Education report as follows: We are glad to note increased interest among our people in higher education, but regret to call attention to the fact that many Baptists are careless about patronizing our own Baptist schools. This is not as it should be. We therefore recommend to our young men and young women that they seek higher culture in our own Baptist schools as far as practical. We also urge Baptist fathers and mothers to consider well where they place their sons and daughters when they would secure for them a college education. We have in easy reach of us three Baptist colleges—Ewing, Shurtleff and Creal Springs—all of which are worthy of our support, and so we commend them. We also call special attention to the Baptist Ministerial Education Society of Southern Illinois and request all our churches to contribute to its support.

ELDER W. P. THROGMORTON,
ELDER W. A. FUSON, } Committee.

Read by Elder W. A. Fuson. Elder Fuson gave an address in behalf of the report and it was then adopted as read.

Benediction by Bro. Fowler. Association adjourned to meet at 7:00 o'clock.

Friday Evening.

7:00—Devotional and Song Services conducted by J. E. Dudley.

7:30—Sermon by Rev. R. F. Killgore, of Olney, Illinois. Text, Psalm 116:12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

Subject, "Personal obedience to God."

Adjournment.

Saturday Morning.

Beginning at 9:00 o'clock praise services were conducted by F. A Brown.

At 9:30 committee on Foreign Missions reported; report discussed by M. A. Tyler, A. Wilson, J. E. Dudley and Elders Kershner, Davis and Crouch; report adopted, viz:

The work of the American Baptist Missionary Union has had the especial blessing of God during the past year—8497 baptisms occurred, being 2000 larger than the previous year. This has been done too without any increase of the missionary force. We recommend that in view of

the great blessings and the wealth God has given us that we give more regularly to the work and recommend that we pray more for others.

F. KURTZ,
T. J. SHARP,
S. T. KERSHNER, } Committee.

The following is the report of the treasurer of the Associational Mission Board:

Received from Sept. 1900 to Sept. 1901	$73 55
Received from Sept. 1901 to Sept. 1902	16 55
	$90 10

EXPENDED.

Paid to C. C. Sparks from Sept. 1900 to Sept. 1901	$59 16
Paid to C. C. Sparks from Sept. 1901 to Sept. 1902	30 94
	$90 10

J. C. GOBLE, Treasurer Mission Board.

After the adoption of the report a collection for Foreign Mission was taken which amounted to $9.10.

$9.00 324 DEARBORN ST. CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 30, 1902.

Received collection of Westfield Association, per Lyman Beabout the sum of nine dollars for the American Baptist Missionary Union, to be used for Foreign Missionary Work.

E. W. LOUNSBURY,
District Sec'y A. B. M. U.

Committee on finances reported of follows:

For printing minutes, postage, etc	$17 00
Balance due the Clerk from last year	3 30
For printing 200 programs	2 00
	$22 30
Amount received from the Churches	16 00
Balance due the Clerk	$ 6 30

REV. G. D. HENDICKSON,
GEORGE HUGHES,
F. B. ENNIS, } Committee.

Motion made and adopted that the report be received and this debt be paid in full. A collection for the same was taken which amounted to $7.11.

The report of the committee on Resolutions was read by Elder S. T. Kershner; report adopted viz: We your committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That we urge all our pastors and Churches to make regular contributions for each of our denominational interests. We think the Wheel Plan best.

Resolved, That we the visitors and Messengers attending Westfield

Association tender our heartfelt thanks to Cumberland Church for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

ELDER T. J. SHARP,
ELDER W. R. STRADER,
ELDER S. T. KERSHNER,
} Committee.

Committee to nominate Associational Mission Board reported as follows:

We your committee to nominate Associational Mission Board would beg leave to submit the following report:

For Superintendent, Rev. T. D. Davis; for Members of Board, M. A. Tyler and J. C. Goble; those who hold over are Wyatt Wood and Rev. T. J. Sharp.

11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. B. Crouch. Text 2 Cor. 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Subject "The two ways of living."

Saturday Afternoon.

1:55—Association was called to order by song and prayer.

The clerk returned home at noon Saturday and J. H. Poe was elected assistant clerk.

Committee on Sunday School Work now makes their report.

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. Howell; Treasurer, W. P. Clapp.

2:40—Reported the committee on Time, Place, etc., of next Association, which is as follows.

Report on time and place of holding next Association. Time 2 o'clock on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1903; Place Macedonia church.

Introductory Sermon, Eld. R. Wiley.

Doctrinal Sermon, Eld. G D. Hendrickson.

The Moderator appointed Lyman Beabout, J. C Goble and J. E. Dudley as a committee to prepare program for next Association.

Saturday noon the clerk and nearly all the messengers, thinking all the business was done, returned to our homes. At almost the very last thing Saturday evening, the resolution concerning Marshall church was brought up and rescinded. I do not think it was a very proper time to bring it up when so many messengers were absent, but here it is.—[Clerk]

WHEREAS, It appearing that a controversy having arose betweon two of our ministering brethern of Olney Association a correspondent of this body of the Westfield Association in which the polity, peace and fellowship of this Association is or will likely be affected, and believing that if proper efforts were made under the leadership of the Holy Spirit a reconciliation could be affected. Resolved, therefore, 1st, That all resolutions

and matters relating thereto, heretofore passed by this Association regarding such controversy or results following be expunged from the record. 2nd, That a committee of 5 consisting of the moderator and four brethren to be appointed by the moderator with the approval of this Association to act as an advisory committee on all matter relating thereto and to be further empowered and instructed to use every effort to effect a reconciliation between said brethen, and to make a report at the next session of this Association.

Motion made and adopted that the committee on program be instructed to so arrange the program for the next session so as to bring in all the Association work first on the program before the other business comes in.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk are to revise and arrange for printing of minutes.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Macedonia Church, Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1903, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. J. H. POE, Assistant Clerk.

Articles of Faith of the Baptist Association Called Westfield.

1. We believe that there is only one living and true God, and that He has revealed Himself to us in the Scriptures of Truth under the appellation of Father, Son and Holy Ghost —Deut. 6:4; John 1:1, 10:30, 15:26.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and our holy rule of faith and practice —II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:21.

3. We believe that man has lost his original purity by the sin of our first parents, the consequence of which is universal inclination to transgress God's holy law —Gen. 1:27, 31; 2:16, 17; 3:6, 24; 6:5; Rom. 3:9, 19; 5:12, 18.

4. We believe the doctrine of Election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.—I Peter 1:2; II Thess. 2:13.

5. We believe that sinners are justified before God by faith in Jesus Christ, who was made to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.—Rom 5: 1, 2; II Cor 5:21; Gal. 3:11, 13.

6. We believe that Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.—Heb. 2:9; John 3:14, 18.

7. We believe that the saints will preserve unto the end, being kept

by the power of God through faith unto salvation.—John 10:27, 29; I Peter 1:35; I John 2:19.

8. We believe that good works are fruits of a renewed heart, as expressed by the Apostle, "created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."—Matt. 12:3, 5; Eph. 2:10.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust —Isa. 26:19; John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15.

10. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He hath ordained whereof He hath raised Him from the dead.—Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:16; II Cor. 5:10.

11. We believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:46.

12. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment —Matt 3:13; 28:19, 20; 26:28; I Cor. 11:23, 26. That none but true believers are proper subjects for baptism.—Mark 16:16; Acts 8:37 That immersion only is baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:38, 39; Rom. 6:4, 5 And that such baptized believers, only, are scripturally entitled to the Lord's supper.—Acts 2:41, 42.

13. We believe that the observance of the first day of the week, or Lord's day, to spend in public or private worship of God, and to refrain from worldly business, except works of necessity and mercy.—Ex. 20:8; Mark 2:27, 28; Acts 20:7; Col. 2:16, 17.

14 We believe in the Gospel Ministry as ordained of God through Jesus Christ, and that it is our duty to support, maintain and uphold the same —Acts 13:2, 3; I Cor. 9:14.

15. We believe it is the duty of heads of families visibly to maintain the worship of God in their families by prayer and thanksgiving —Deut. 6:6,7; Eph. 6:4; I Thess. 5:17, 18.

Rules of Decorum.

This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent the Churches to which they belong, producing letters certifying their appointment. One messenger for each ten and one for major fraction.

2. The Churches in their letters shall state the number of members received and how received, the number dismissed by letter, excluded and lost by death, from one meeting of the Association to another.

3. This body shall be considered an advisory council to give churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the causes of

churches failing to represent themselves at its meetings by letter and delegates; to appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent, to transact any business it may think proper; to appoint a mission board whose duty it shall be to superintend the missionary work within the bounds of the Association; to invite visiting brethern to seats in council with it; to exclude disorderly members who prove incorrigible, giving a true statement to the church or churches to which such members belong; to receive charges against any church which is a member of our body and which practices contrary to Gospel order; and to adjourn to any place within the bounds of the Churches composing this Association.

4. Majority shall rule in all cases except the admission of Churches, which shall require a unanimous vote. Provided if any object a committee shall be appointed who shall weigh said objections and report to the Association, which shall receive or reject said report by a majority vote.

5. All Churches seeking admission into this Association shall be required to present a copy of their constitution and articles of faith.

6. The officers of the Association, when properly organized, shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duties of the Moderator shall be to preside during the session of the Association, to preserve order, to state all propositions fairly and to take the minds thereon, to have the same liberty of speech in debate as another member, if his seat shall be filled, and to have the casting vote in case of a tie. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep correct minutes of all proceedings of the Association The Treasurer shall take charge of all money and pay the same by order of his body.

7. The rules of decorum may be changed or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote.

8. The Association shall open and close each session with prayer.

9. The letters from all the churches shall be read and the Messengers' names enrolled and called as often as is expedient.

10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

11. No proposition without a second shall be entertained.

12. Any motion may be withdrawn by its author, without consent of the second, before being decided.

13. When a member speaks he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, confine himself closely to the subject before the Association, cast no insinuations upon members who have spoken previously, speak not more than twice on one subject without permission, and not be disturbed unless he violates the rules of decorum.

14. No member shall address another in terms other than brotherly, or abruptly leave his seat without permission of the Moderator.

15. All queries originating in the various churches must be brought before the Church for its hearing, before being sent up to the Association.

Statistical Table

WESTFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Organized October 18, 1862.

Date	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	CHURCH.	No. Churches	Membership	Baptisms
1862	R. O. Hawkins	W. O. Wood	Good Hope			
1863	R. O. Hawkins	W. O. Wood	Good Hope			
1864	R. O. Hawkins	W. O. Wood	Cumberland			
1865	T. J. Thornton	W. O. Wood	Little Flock			
1866	L. Garner	W. O. Wood	Salem			
1867	D. O. Wood	W. O. Wood				
1868	W. O. Wood	W. C. Gano	Paris			
1869	R. O. Hawkins	Allen Hill	Good Hope			
1870	R. O. Hawkins	Allen Hill	Cumberland			
1871	R. O. Hawkins	Allen Hill	Little Flock			
1872	Allen Hill	R. O. Hawkins	Olive Branch			
1873	Allen Hill	J. G. Bell	Clarksville			
1874	Allen Hill	J. G. Bell	Union			
1875	T. J. Thornton	A. Jones	Vermillion			
1876	T. J. Thornton	A. Jones	Salem			
1877	R. O Hawkins	A. Jones	Little Flock			
1878	R O. Hawkins	A. Jones	Good Hope	20	1173	135
1879	R. O Hawkins	A. Jones	Macedonia	20	1129	54
1880	J. B. Walker	J. L Parker	Bethel	21	1175	100
1881	R. O. Hawkins	A. Jones	Clarksville	....	.....	.....
1882	L. W Lanman	R. Wiley	Martinsville	21	1115	41
1883	T. J. Thornton	R. Wiley	Salem	21	1099	55
1884	T. J. Thornton	R Wiley	Cumberland	16	764	11
1885	T. J. Thornton	R Wiley	Clarksville	16	743	55
1886	R. O. Hawkins	W. L. Goble	Eanon	16	739	88
1887	R. O. Hawkins	W. L. Goble	Westfield	15	836	86
1888	T. J. Thornton	W. L. Goble	Freedom	15	846	51
1889	R O. Hawkins	W. L Goble	Mt. Moriah	15	756	35
1890	L. W Lanman	Lloyd Goble	Bethel	15	815	17
1891	L W. Lanman	W R Strader	Cumberland	16	812	68
1892	T. J Thornton	J. I. Brydon	Marshall	15	779	41
1893	T. J. Thornton	J. I. Brydon	Eanon	15	808	56
1894	L W. Lanman	J I Brydon	Clarksville	15	798	52
1895	J. T. Spilman	Orion Goble	Westfield	12	900	184
1896	T. J. Sharp	L. H. Chapin	Casey	14	1070	73
1897	T. J. Thornton	J. T. Spilman	Martinsville	15	987	29
1898	T. J. Sharp	J L Montgomery	Marshall	15	1125	77
1899	T. J. Sharp	J. L Montgomery	Eanon	15	1230	51
1900	T. J. Sharp	Lyman Beabout	Westfield	15	1157	68
1901	T. J. Sharp	Lyman Beabout	Clarksville	15	1196	62
1902	T. D Davis	Lyman Beabout	Cumberland	15	1187	72

General Statistical Table.

CHURCHES. 1902.	MEMBERSHIP. 1901	MEMBERSHIP. 1902	INCREASE. Baptism	INCREASE. Letter	INCREASE. Relation	INCREASE. Experience	INCREASE. Restoration	DECREASE. Death	DECREASE. Letter	DECREASE. Exclusion	DECREASE. Absent List	DECREASE. Non-Resident	MISSIONS. Associational	MISSIONS. State	MISSIONS. Home	MISSIONS. Foreign	MISSIONS. Pub. Society	MISSIONS. Aged Ministers' Home	OTHER INTERESTS. Church Expenses.	OTHER INTERESTS. S. S. Expenses	OTHER INTERESTS. Minutes	Value of Church Property
Bethel	108	103	2	8	4			1				49		$ 2 50	$ 2 50				$ 103 75	$ 12 00	$ 1 41	$ 650
Casey	80	93	2		4			1	2			4			2 50		3 00		300 00	35 00	1 47	2700
Cumberland	55	53																	60 00	12 00	60	700
Clarksville	187	192	10					2	4	2				3 55	8 35	9 00	5 75	$9 50	315 00	55 00	2 30	1200
Eanon	127	133	5	2		2	5		1					1 68	3 69	5 69	3 20		214 48	36 23	1 70	1000
Freedom	101	126	18	2				2	2			16			1 00		1 00		90 00	5 00	70	500
Harmony	29	36	12			1		1	1	4				1 00					87 12	12 75	75	800
Little Flock	40	98	3	3				2	2	2		17		3 70	3 71	1 00	4 56		200 00	28 00	2 00	2500
Martinsville	96	69	3	4		1						1		1 95	4 40				400 00	40 00	60	3000
Marshall	62	59	13					2		13				3 05	1 41	3 05			106 00	8 00	50	800
Mt. Moriah	59	63	6					2							3 05		2 00		160 00	22 75	1 50	400
Macedonia	59	51						2	4	3		16		4 00					75 00	10 40	50	700
Mill Creek	60	88		1				1	4						13 00	4 00	2 00		300 00	13 00		3000
Westfield	92	23																	5 00	6 00		140
Walla Walla	23																					
Total	1179	1187	72	18	4	4	5	16	20	24		103		$20 73	$41 63	$23 75	$22 52	$9 50	$2116 35	$296 13	$ 14 43	$18090

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES 1902	SUPERINTENDENTS.	ADDRESS.	Officers and Teachers	Av. Attendance	Enrollment	School Expenses.	No. Baptised from S. S.
Bethel	L. G. Fasig	Martinsville	8	23	48	$12	
Casey	J. H. Jackson	Casey				35	
Clarksville	Lyman Beabout	Dolson	15	100	155	55	10
Cumberland	O Donnor	Casey	6	30	51	12	
Eanon	J E. Dudley	Ashmore	14	80	115	26	3
Freedom	Joseph Shade	Marshall	7	23	42	5	8
Harmony	Hala Anderson	Montrose	8	35		13	5
Little Flock							
Martinsville			11	48	82	28	2
Marshall	H. M. Sewell	Marshall	10	60	75	40	3
Mt Moriah	Myrtle Page	State Line	3	30	45	8	
Macedonia	L A. Stults	Casey	10	44		23	3
Mill Creek	James McCollum	Allright	12	45	72	10	
Westfield	Orion Goble	Westfield	8	26	50	13	
Walla Walla	Ross Greesam	Walla Walla	5	45		6	
			113	589	734	$286	34

The Wheel Plan.

	Sept., Oct.	Nov., Dec.	Jan., Feb.	Mar., Apr.	May, June.
5th Dist.	State Missions	Education	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Home Missions
4th Dist.	Education	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Home Missions	State Missions
3rd Dist.	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Home Missions	State Missions	Education
2nd Dist.	Publication Society	Home Missions	State Missions	Education	Foreign Missions
1st Dist.	Home Missions	State Missions	Education	Foreign Missions	Publication Society

Associations by Districts.

First District—Aurora, Chicago, Dixon, Rock River.

Second District—Bloomington, Gilman, Ottawa, Rock Island, Bloomfield.

Third District—Peoria, Quincy, Salem, Alton, Apple Creek, Carrollton.

Foubth District—Bay Creek, Central Illinois, Louisville, Macoupin, Mattoon, Olney, Palestine, Rehoboth, Sandy Creek, Springfield, Shelby, Westfield.

Fifth District—Big Saline, Centralia, Clear Creek, Fairfield, Franklin, Mt.Erie, Nine Mile, Salem South, Williamson, Union, Saline County.

Erratum—The seventh line on page six (6) should read:—"testaments and 2,010,720 pages of tracts; received into the mission churches 12,406 new members; organized 142" &c.

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MILL CREEK CHURCH

Clark County, Illinois, Sept. 7-10, 1905

Moderator--J. C. Craig, West Union

Clerk--Lyman Beabout, Marshall R. R. 2

Next Session will be held with Casey Church, beginning Thursday at 2:00 p. m. before the second Sunday in September, 1906.

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Officers.

Moderator, Rev. J. C. Craig, West Union.
Clerk, Lyman Beabout, Marshall.

Sunday School Officers.

President, J. C. Goble, Westfield.
Vice President, Lyman Beabout, Marshall.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Prewett, Marshall.

Ordained Ministers.

G. D. Hendrickson, Casey.
J. H. Poe, Casey.
J. C. Craig, West Union.
John Highshoe, Walnut Prairie.
J. G. Vicars, Elbridge.
S. T. Kershner, Terre Haute.
T. J. Sharp, Ashmore.
H. C. Riley, Casey.
T. D. Davis, Louisville.

Licentiates.

Joseph Coppock, Dennison.

Mission Board.

G. D. Hendrickson, J. E. Dudley, S. J. Wilson, J. C. Craig, U. P. Clapp.

Session 1906.

Place, Casey Baptist Church.
Time, Thursday, 2 p. m. before second Sunday in September.
Introductory Sermon, Rev. F. M. Tate.
Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. W. R. Strader.

Program Committee.

Lyman Beabout.
Charles Clapp.

Corresponding Bodies and Messengers

Palestine Association, James McCollum, Rev. J. Tunnicliff, Rev. J. C. Craig.
Bloomfield Association.
Mattoon Association.
Olney Association.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCH	PASTOR	ADDRESS	CLERK	ADDRESS
Bethel	G. D. Hendrickson	Casey	John Husted	Martinsville
Casey	H. C. Riley	Casey	C. H Michael	Casey
Clarksville	H. C. Riley	Casey	R. B. Clapp	Marshall, R. R 4.
Cumberland				
Eanon	F. M. Tate	Lerna	W.E. McDivitt	Westfield
Freedom	James Tunnicliff.	Paris	W.R. Tapscott	Marshall, R. R.
Harmony	F. M. Tate	Lerna	S. J. Wilson	Montrose
Martinsville	G. D. Hendrickson	Casey	G. B. Sallee	Martinsville
Marshall			Ethel Read	Marshall
Mt. Moriah	John Highshoe	Walnut Prairie	W. S. Stogsdill	Dennison
Mill Creek	James Tunnicliff.	Paris	Cora Jackson.	Allright
Macedonia			S. S. Dixon	Casey
Little Flock				
Westfield	J. L. Ryan	Greenup	Myrtle Goble.	Westfield
Walla Walla				

Directory of Committees, Representatives, Divine Services—Pastor and Messengers of Mill Creek Church.

State Missions—Rev. James H. Davis, G. W. Prewett, Charles Clapp.

Home Missions—J. C. Goble, Rev. H. C. Riley, A. H. Clapp.

Foreign Missions—Rev. James Tunnicliff, Rev. G. D. Hendrickson, J. W. Walker.

Education—Rev. H. C. Riley, J. C. Goble, Wm. Mallory.

Finance—Rev. G. D. Hendrickson, W. S. Wyrick, I. B. McCullough.

Aged Ministers' Home—Rev. James Tunnicliff, Wyatt Wood, O. C. Page.

Time, Place, etc., of next Association—F. B. Ennis, Rosa Gleeck, Mrs. Walker.

Nomination of Sunday School Officers—James McCollum, Ola Clapp, Mrs. H. C. Riley, Mrs. W. Wood, Mrs. O. C. Page.

Resolutions—Rev. H. C. Riley, Lyman Newman, G. W. Prewett.

Obituary—Rev. D. H. Clements, Wyatt Wood, Bert Eckel.

Nomination of Mission Board—J. C. Goble, F. B. Ennis, Cyrus Brewster.

Program Committee—Lyman Beabout, Charles Clapp.

Representatives from Corresponding Bodies—

Mattoon Association.

Palestine Association—Rev. D. H. Clements, Rev. C. W. Reynolds, Rev. Prevo Ralston, Andrew Weir.

Bloomfield Association—Rev. James Tunnicliff.

Olney Association.

State Missions—Rev. James H. Davis.

Home Missions—J. C. Goble.

Baptist Publication Society—Rev. H. H. Alger, Rev. T. L. Ketman.

MINUTES.

Thursday Afternoon.

The Westfield Baptist Association met in its 43rd anniversary with the Mill Creek Baptist Church Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m. before the second Sunday in September, 1905, being the 7th day of the month. The Moderator of the Association being absent, Rev. James Tunnicliff, pastor of the Mill Creek church, called the Association to order by conducting a devotional service consisting of songs and prayer by Elders Riley and Tunnicliff. The Association then chose Rev. J. C. Craig Moderator pro tem. The Introductory sermon was to have been preached at this hour by Rev. F. M. Tate, but he being absent, the Moderator called Rev. H. C. Riley to the stand and he preached the Introductory from the text: "Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy holy spirit from me." "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit." 51st Psalm, verses 11 and 12.

The roll of churches was called by the Clerk and the letters presented. Three churches—Cumberland, Little Flock and Walla Walla—were not represented either by letter or messengers.

The Moderator appointed Rev. H. C. Riley and J. C. Goble to read the letters.

The following messengers were enrolled:

BETHEL—Joseph James, James Paget, John Brosman, John Husted, Martha Husted.

CUMBERLAND—Not represented.

CASEY—Rev. H. C. Riley and wife, Wyatt Wood and wife, Rev. G. D. Hendrickson, C. H. Michael, G. W. Parker.

EANON—Rev. T. J. Sharp and wife, A. B. Woodrum. J. E. Dudley and wife, B. F. Carrothers, F. A. Brown. (None of the Eanon messengers were present.)

CLARKSVILLE—Lyman Beabout, Charles Clapp, A. H. Clapp, Rosa Gleeck, Lyman Newman, Ola Clapp, F. B. Ennis, U. P. Clapp, Ed Perry.

FREEDOM—W. L. Mallory, J. B. McCullough, Amanda McCullough, Allen Pennell, W. R. Tapscott.

HARMONY—Represented by letter but no messengers reported.

MARTINSVILLE—Michael Ulrey, Isaac Ulrey and wife, G. B. Sallee and wife.

MACEDONIA—Represented by letter but no messengers reported.

MARSHALL—G. W. Prewett and wife, Mrs. Walker.

MILL CREEK—James McCollum, Bert Eckel, Cyrus Brewster, J. W. Walker, Winfield Wyrick.

MT. MORIAH—O. C. Page, Myra Page, Myrtle Page, S. P. Clark.

WESTFIELD—J. C. Goble, Carrie Goble, Kate Biggs, Anna Goble, Lillian Goble, Nettie Lee.

LITTLE FLOCK—Not represented.

WALLA WALLA—Not represented.

The Association now proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Candidates were nominated and as there was but one nominated for Clerk, a motion was made to elect the Clerk by acclamation. In the election of Moderator, Rev. G. D. Hendrickson and G. W. Prewett were appointed Tellers. After the vote was taken Rev. J. C. Craig was declared permanent Moderator and Lyman Beabout Clerk for the ensuing year.

Messengers from Corresponding Bodies were called and the following responded:

Palestine Association—Andrew Weir, Rev. D. H. Clements, Rev. C. W. Reynolds, Rev. Prevo Ralston.

Bloomfield Association—Rev. James Tunnicliff.

Association adjourned to meet at 7:00 o'clock Thursday evening.

Thursday Evening.

7:00—The evening session was opened by a song service by the congregation led by John Neighbor.

J. C. Goble conducted the devotional services by reading the 90th Psalm, followed by prayer by Rev. G. D Hendrickson.

J. C. Goble now conducts a testimonial meeting in which many take part.

On motion all visiting brethren were invited to a seat in the council.

Rev. John Hayes, of Covington, Ky., was introduced and preached a sermon from the text:—"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and transformed us into the kingdom of His dear Son." 1st Chapter of Collossians, verses 12 and 13. Subject:—"The inheritance of the Saints."

Song:—"Home Sweet Home."

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. D. H. Clements.

Friday Morning.

The morning session began at 8:30 o'clock by a song service, followed by prayer by Rev. James Tunnicliff. The Domestic Mission Board and Associational Sunday School Board was now called upon to report.

The report is as follows:—"We, the Committee on Domestic Mission and Sunday School, make the following report: We have held three 5th Sunday meetings, viz: at Clarksville, Martinsville and Eanon. Each meeting was very interesting and we trust did good. We recommend that we continue our 5th Sunday meetings, from the fact that there are churches that need to be revived and strengthened. On account of means we can not do the work necessary."

Our treasurer's report is as follows: Received from J. C. Goble $22.50; from Clarksville church, $8.00; from Eanon church, $5.00; from Martinsville church, 90 cents. Total received $36.40.

EXPENDITURES:

Paid to Rev. O. E. Newman for assisting in a meeting at Bethel	$10.00
Printing programs	3.00
Other expenses	1.30
Total expenditures	$14.30
Balance in treasury	$22.10

U. P. Clapp,
Rev. G. D. Hendrickson, } Committee.

The report was thoroughly discussed.

Suggestions and plans for carrying on the next year's work were offered by Elders D. H. Clements, H. H. Alger, J. C. Craig, H. C. Riley and J. C Goble.

The speakers became very enthusiastic and much good is expected to be accomplished by this board the coming year.

Report of committee on nomination of Mission Board was read by J. C. Goble and on motion was received.

The report is as follows: We, your Committee to Nominate Domestic Mission Board, would submit the following: Rev. G. D. Hendrickson, J. E. Dudley, S. J. Wilson, Rev. J. C. Craig and U. P. Clapp.

J. C. Goble,
F. B. Ennis.
C. S. Brewster, } Committee.

The committee on nomination of Sunday School Officers was read by Mrs. H. C. Riley.

The report is as follows: We, your committee on nomination of Sunday School Officers, make the following report: President, J. C. Goble; vice president, Lyman Beabout; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Prewett.

JAMES MCCOLLUM,
MRS. W. L. WOOD,
MRS. H. C. RILEY, } Committee.
MYRA PAGE,
OLA CLAPP,

Report received.

On motion of Rev. H. C. Riley the Mission and Sunday School meetings be combined as they were last year. It was decided that the first meeting be held at Westfield beginning on Friday evening before the 5th Sunday in October, 1905.

Rev. James Tunnicliff discussed the topic: "The necessity and kind of organization in the Sunday School." He spoke of the importance of—1st, Thorough denominational organization—Baptist schools should have Baptist officers and teachers; 2nd, Of using Baptist literature; 3rd, Of teachers' meetings; 4th, Of a missionary organization in each school.

Rev. H. C. Riley gave a very intertesting talk on the topic; "The duty of the pastor to the Sunday Sch ol." In a few well chosen remarks he showed that the duty of the pastor to the school was one of great importance.

Rev. H. H. Alger now spoke of the relation of the church and Sunday School. He said: The Sunday School is the nursery of the church; 83% of the increase of the church comes directly from the Sunday School. This Association reported about 1200 members last year, of this number about 400 are regular in attendance at the Sunday School; about 200 of these are adult members, so about 1 in every 5 or 6 adult members are regular in attendance in the school. As the Sunday School is of such great importance he urged upon the adult members to take more interest in it.

Rev. J. C. Craig now takes the stand and preaches the Doctrinal Sermon from the text: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5-1. Subject, Faith.

F. B. Emis suggested that a collection be taken to help pay the expenses of printing the Minutes. The collection was taken which amounted to $3.42.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock

Benediction by Rev. H. C. Riley.

Friday Afternoon.

2:00—Song service followed by prayer by Rev. T. L. Ketman.

The Committee on Education reported as follows: We, your Committee on Education, find that the churches of this Association have contributed to Christian Education $5.07. We believe that our people ought to manifest more interest in this matter than is now evidenced.

REV. H. C. RILEY, } Committee.
G. W. PREWETT, }

Report received.

Rev. T. L. Ketman, representing the American Baptist Publication Society, was now introduced, and made an address, telling of the work done by the Publication Society.

The Committee on Aged Ministers' Home reported; report adopted as read: We, the Committee on Aged Ministers' Home, report as follows: Amount raised this year for the Home of Aged Ministers $12.46. We believe this to be a most worthy cause and one that should be heartily supported by all the churches of this, the Westfield Association, and all the members of the churches and we earnestly urge that the churches take a contribution each year for this worthy cause for we believe these aged veterans of the cross should have our help.

Rev. James Tunnicliff,
O. C. Page,
W. L. Wood. } Committee.

Finance committee reported that there were bills of $4 00 against the Association for printing programs for the years 1904 and 1905. On motion a collection was taken for same, which amounted to $4.17.

The Committee on Obituary reported. On motion report was received as read It is as follows: Dear Brethren: We, your committee, would submit the following report: we find by your letters that twelve of our number have died the past year, distributed as follows: Bethel, 1; Mt. Moriah, 4; Martinsville, 1; Freedom, 2; Eanon, 1; Clarksville, 3. These having all received the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls. They are gone but not forgotten.

Rev. D. H. Clements,
W. L. Wood,
Bert Eckel, } Committee.

Committee on Home Missions reported as follows: The American Baptist Home Mission Society was organized in 1832; its headquarters are at 312 Fourth Ave , New York City; its motto is, "North America For Christ;" and its field of operation is the continent of North America, the island of Porto Rico, the eastern half of Cuba, and the Hawaiian Islands.

The grand total of receipts for all purposes the past year was $684,052.11, being $48,656.34 more than for the previous year. The Society began this year on April 1st with a debt of $38,000, $22,000 of which was brought over from the previous year The increased expenditures for the year were chiefly for missionary work, though some extra expenses have been incurred in the equipment of new school buildings.

The whole number of baptisms reported last year by our missionaries was 7,203, being about 17 per cent more than for the preceding year. About 60 mission churches have come to self-support during the year, but on the other hand, 114 new churches were organized, so the burden increases. Six-sevenths of the mission work so sadly needed in the large cities of the entire country is within the field of our Society; 90 per cent of the entire work of American Baptists for the foreigners in this country is being done by our Society, and in foreign-speaking Baptist churches there are nearly or quite 60,000 members. Great success has attended our work among the Indians, in the Great West among our own people, in Cuba and Porto Rico where 700 were baptized, and, in fact, in all parts of the field.

We most kindly but emphatically, in the name of our Lord and Master, urge upon the churches and their pastors the very great importance of a generous offering, each year, from each church, Sunday

school, and B. Y. P. U. to this great work. Always send the same promptly to Rev. S. C. Fulmer, District Secretary, 1722 Ruckle St., Indianapolis, Ind.

J. C. GOBLE,
REV. H. C. RILEY, } Committee.
A. H. CLAPP,

Read by J. C. Goble. On motion report was adopted as read.

This report was followed by an address on Home Missions by Rev. H. C Riley.

The Association adjourned to meet at 7:00 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. J. C. Craig.

Friday Evening.

At 7:00 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order.

Song. Devotional services.

The committee on time, place, etc., of next Association reported as follows: We, your committee on time, place and preachers for next annual meeting, beg leave to submit the following report: Time, Thursday before second Sunday in September, 1906. Place, Casey Baptist church. Introductory Sermon, Rev F. M. Tate. Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. W. R. Strader.

F. B. ENNIS,
ROSA GLEECK, } Committee.
MRS. WALKER,

By the request of Rev. H. C. Riley who was to preach at this hour, and it being agreeable with the Association, Rev. John Hayes took the stand and preached a sermon from the text: "And man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest: as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Subject: "Christ as a King." Song, "Glory Hallelujah."

Rev. H. H. Alger, representing the American Baptist Publication, was now introduced and preached a sermon from the text: "By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible."

Subject, "Faith the secret of endurance." Song, "Praise thee, O God."

Rev. T. L. Ketman of Chicago, also representing the American Baptist Publication, was introduced next and preached a sermon from the text: "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also." Luke 10, 1st clause V:I.

Subject: "Work of the common members."

Motion adopted that the Association adjourn to meet Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. T. L. Ketman.

Saturday Morning.

The Association met at 9:00 o'clock; called to order by Moderator. Song. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Reynolds by reading the 12th chapter of Romans as a Scriptural lesson. Prayer by Rev. John Highshoe.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:—We, your Committee on Resolutions, offer the following:

First, Be it resolved, that this Association extend to the Mill Creek church its sincere thanks for the hospitable way in which she has entertained the Messengers and visitors of this gathering.

Second, Be it resolved, that our churches be urged to manifest more interest in our Associational meetings.

Third, Be it also resolved, that the cause of temperance receive more attention from pulpit and pew.

Fourth, Be it resolved further, that all members of this Association pray earnestly for God to send his blessings in the way of a great spiritual revival upon us during the coming year.

REV. H. C. RILEY,
L. B. NEWMAN, } Committee.
G. W. PREWETT,

Report received as read.

Report of committee on Foreign Missions—Your committee beg leave to make the following report: Our denomination has been fortunate in its plan of doing missionary work; in that, we differ from all others in placing our emphasis upon the christianizing before civilizing the natives. One dollar spent by our denomination goes as far as four dollars spent by any other denomination towards converting the natives. We have more young men studying for the ministry for foreign fields than any other denomination. In India Dr. Clough and his helpers baptized over 10,000 converts in one year; 4,000 of this number were baptized by them in one day. Our most promising field now is in the Philippines where Bro. Briggs, our missionary, baptized 1,000 converts; the only reason the number was not 10,000 was because he did not have the help to teach the natives. Since God has so wonderfully blessed our labors in foreign fields it behooves us to show our gratitude to Him, as churches and individuals to aid this work with our prayers and gifts.

REV. G. D. HENDRICKSON,
J. W. WALKER, } Committee.
RET. JAMES TUNNICLIFF,

Report read by G. D. Hendrickson.

On motion report was adopted as read.

The Committee on State Missions reported as follows: We, the Committee on State Missions, report as follows: Whereas, the State Mission is the only missionary body that claims work throughout the State of Illinois, and whereas, Illinois is one of the greatest missionary fields in the west, we recommend that every church in the Association take an offering for State Mission work in accordance with the Wheel Plan We urge that the churches seek to meet the apportionment asked for by the State Committee and that they cooperate heartily with the state workers in their efforts to christianize all within our borders. This year we find that five churches have contributed $42.38 while seven have contributed nothing. Our Association has been asked for the small sum of $100.00 towards $12,000 asked for in the state. Let every church seek this year to meet its apportionment for this important work.

REV. JAS. H. DAVIS,
G. W. PREWETT, } Committee.
CHARLES CLAPP,

Report read by Rev. James H. Davis. Elder Davis gave an address in behalf of the report and it was then adopted as read.

The Committee on Christian Stewardship made a verbal report in which they stated that they had selected Rev. T. J. Sharp to make an address upon this subject but he not being present, Rev. James H. Davis made a few brief remarks in which he urged the churches to take more interest in Christian Stewardship.

The Committee on American Baptist Publication reported as follows: The churches and schools of the Westfield Association are loyal to denominational interests in using Baptist literature. Of the 12 churches reported at this meeting only 4 contributed to the missionary work of the American Baptist Publication Society. We urge upon the membership of the churches the need of this great work and the duty of seeing that it is morally and financially supported. The S. S. Missionary is arranging programs in connection with local workers for more aggressive Sunday School institute work during the coming year.

REV. H. H. ALGER, Committee.

Read by Rev. H. H. Alger, who also gave an address in behalf of the report and it was then adopted as read.

10:40—Rev. P. F. Hayes was to preach at this hour but he being absent, Rev. G. D. Hendrickson was called upon and preached a sermon from the text "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."—2 Timothy 3-15.

On motion of Rev. H. C. Riley the Association expressed a vote of thanks to John Neighbor for his help as leader in conducting the song services.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 2:00 o'clock.

Song, Doxology. Benediction by Rev. H. C. Riley.

Saturday Afternoon.

The Association convened at 2:00 o'clock. Called to order by Moderator. Song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," followed by prayer by Rev. J. C. Craig.

On motion the following persons were appointed as Messengers to Corresponding Bodies: Palestine Association, Jas. McCollum, Rev. James Tunnicliff and Rev. J. C. Craig.

The Moderator and Clerk are to revise and arrange for printing and distributing among the churches the Minutes of the 43d Annual Meeting of the Westfield Baptist Association.

A praise service was now conducted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Casey Baptist Church Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1906, at 2:00 o'clock.

Signed: J. C. CRAIG, Moderator.
LYMAN BEABOUT, Clerk.

Articles of Faith of Baptist Association Called Westfield.

1. We believe that there is only one living and true God, and that He has revealed Himself to us in the Scriptures of Truth under the appellation of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Deut. 6:4; John 1:1, 10:30, 15:26.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and our holy rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:21.

3. We believe that man has lost his original purity by the sin of our first parents, the consequence of which is universal inclination to transgress God's holy law.—Gen. 1:27, 31; 2:16, 17; 3:6, 24; 6:5; Rom. 3:9, 19; 5:12, 18.

4. We believe the doctrine of Election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.—I Peter 1:2; II Thess. 2:13.

5. We believe that sinners are justified before God by faith in Jesus Christ, who was made to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.—Rom. 5:1, 2; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:11, 13.

6. We believe that Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.—Heb. 2:9; John 3:14, 18.

7. We believe that the saints will preserve unto the end, being kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.—John 10:27, 29; I Peter 1:35: I John 2:19.

8. We believe that good works are fruits of a renewed heart, as expressed by the Apostle, "created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."—Matt. 12:3, 5; Eph 2:10.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust.—Isa. 26:19; John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15.

10. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He hath ordained whereof He hath raised Him from the dead.—Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:16; II Cor. 5:10.

11. We believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:46.

12. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment.—Matt. 3:13; 28:19, 20; 26:28; I Cor. 11:23, 26. That none but true believers are proper subjects for baptism.—Mark 16:16; Acts 8:37. That immersion only is baptism —Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:38, 39; Rom. 6:4, 5. And that such baptized believers, only, are scripturally entitled to the Lord's supper.—Acts 2:41, 42.

13. We believe that the observance of the first day of the week, or Lord's day to spend in public or private worship of God, and to refrain from worldly business, except works of necessity and mercy.—Ex. 20:8; Mark 2:27, 28; Acts 20:7; Col. 2:16, 17.

14. We believe in the Gospel Ministry as ordained of God, through Jesus Christ, and that it is our duty to support, maintain and uphold the same.—Acts 13:2, 3; I Cor. 9:14.

15. We believe it is the duty of heads of families visibly to maintain the worship of God in families by prayer and thanksgiving.—Deut. 6:6, 7; Eph. 6:4; I Thess. 5:17, 18.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent the churches to which they belong, producing letters certifying their appointment. One messenger for each twenty and one for major fraction, or if any church shall have less than twenty members, shall be entited to two messengers.

2. The churches in their letters shall state the number of members received and how received, the number dismissed by letter, excluded and lost by death, from one meeting of the Association to another.

3. This body shall be considered an advisory council to give churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the causes of churches failing to represent themselves at its meetings by letter and delegates; to appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent, to transact any business it may think proper; to appoint a mission board whose duty it shall be to superintend the missionary work within the bounds of the Association; to invite visiting brethren to seats in council with it; to exclude disorderly members who prove incorrigible, giving a true statement to the church or churches to which such members belong; to receive charges against any church which is a member of our body and which practices contrary to gospel order; and to adjourn to any place within the bounds of the churches composing the Association.

4. A majority shall rule in all cases except the admission of churches which shall require a unanimous vote, provided, if any object, a committee shall be appointed who shall weigh said objections and report to the Association, which shall receive or reject said report by a majority vote.

5. All churches seeking admission into this Association shall be required to present a copy of their constitution and articles of faith.

6. The officers of the Association, when properly organized, shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer.

7. The rules of decorum may be changed or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote.

8. The Association shall open and close each session with prayer.

9. The letters from all the churches shall be read and the messengers' names enrolled and called as often as is expedient.

10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

11. No proposition without a second shall be entertained.

12. Any motion may be drawn by its author, with consent of the second, before being decided.

13. When a member speaks he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, confine himself closely to the subject before the Association, cast no insinuations upon members who have spoken previously, speak not more than twice on one subject without permission, and not to be disturbed unless he violates the rules of decorum.

14. No member shall address another in terms other than brotherly, or abruptly leave his seat without permission of the Moderator.

15. All queries originating in the various churches must be brought before the church for its hearing, before being sent up to the Association. Amendment to Rule 15. Be it the sense of this Association that no church in a divided state, or any fraction thereof be recognized hereafter by this association, so long as said division exist in said church; and that this amendment shall not be subject to suspension.

16. In the election of Moderator and Clerk it shall be in order to present nomination for candidates, the election to be held by private ballot.

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES 1904	SUPERINTENDENTS.	ADDRESS.	Officers and Teachers	Av. Attendance	Enrollment	School Expense	No. Baptised from S. S.
Bethel	Goldie Church	Martinsville	8	28	56	7 00	2
Casey	Mrs. E. Bragg	Casey	15	50	80	35 00	8
Clarksville	Lyman Beabout	Marshall r. r. 2	11	90	120	77 00	9
Cumberland							
Eanon	J. E. Dudley	Westfield	12	58	78	23 00	10
Freedom	Minerva Tapscott	Marshall, R. R.	5	20	35	5 00	
Harmony	Willis Clark	Montrose	10	31		12 00	
Little Flock							
Martinsville	Mrs. R. Phelps	Martinsville	10	40	71	25 00	2
Marshall	J. A. Brosman	Marshall	9	31	44	17 00	
Mt. Moriah	Daniel Lee	Casey	8				4
Macedonia	Jerome Stogsdill	Dennison	7	24	47	10 00	
Mill Creek	Mary Brewster	Allright	11	40	49	20 00	
Westfield	J. C. Gobl	Westfield	11	35	54	17 00	5
Walla Walla							
			117	447	634	248 00	40

	Sept., Oct.	Nov., Dec.	Jan., Feb.	Mar., Apr.	May, June.
1st Dist.	State Missions	Education	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Home Missions
2nd Dist	Education	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Home Missions	State Missions
3rd Dist.	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Home Missions	State Missions	Education
4th Dist.	Publication Society	Home Missions	State Missions	Education	Foreign Missions
5th Dist.	Home Missions	State Missions	Education	Foreign Missions	Publication Society

Associations by Districts.

First District—Aurora, Chicago, Dixon, Rock River.

Second District—Bloomington, Gilman, Ottawa, Rock Island, Bloomfield.

Third District—Peoria, Quincy, Salem, Alton, Apple Creek, Carrolton.

Fourth District—Bay Creek, Central Illinois, Louisville, Macoupin, Mattoon, Olney, Palestine, Rehoboth, Sandy Creek, Springfield, Shelby, Westfield.

Fifth District—Big Saline, Centralia, Clear Creek, Fairfield, Franklin, Mt. Erie, Nine Mile, Salem South, Williamson, Union, Saline County.

Statistical Table
Westfield Baptist Association
Organized October 18, 1862.

Date	MODERATOR	CLERK	CHURCHES	No. Churches	Membership	Baptisms
1862	R O Hawkins	W O Wood	Good Hope			
1863	R O Hawkins	W O Wood	Good Hope			
1864	R O Hawkins	W O Wood	Cumberland			
1865	T J Thornton	W O Wood	Little Flock			
1866	L Garner	W O Wood	Salem			
1867	D O Wood	W O Wood				
1868	W O Wood	W C Gano	Paris			
1869	R O Hawkins	Allen Hill	Good Hope			
1870	R O Hawkins	Allen Hill	Cumberland			
1871	R O Hawkins	Allen Hill	Little Flock			
1872	Allen Hill	R O Hawkins	Olive Branch			
1873	Allen Hill	J G Bell	Clarksville			
1874	Allen Hill	J G Bell	Union			
1875	T J Thornton	A Jones	Vermillion			
1876	T J Thornton	A Jones	Salem			
1877	R O Hawkins	A Jones	Little Flock			
1878	R O Hawkins	A Jones	Good Hope	20	1173	135
1879	R O Hawkins	A Jones	Macedonia	20	1129	54
1880	J B Walker	J L Parker	Bethel	21	1175	100
1881	R O Hawkins	A Jones	Clarksville			
1882	L W Lanman	R Wiley	Martinsville	21	1115	41
1883	T J Thornton	R Wiley	Salem	21	1099	55
1884	T J Thornton	R Wiley	Cumberland	16	764	11
1885	T J Thornton	R Wiley	Clarksville	16	743	55
1886	R O Hawkins	W L Goble	Eanon	16	739	88
1887	R O Hawkins	W L Goble	Westfield	15	836	86
1888	T J Thornton	W L Goble	Freedom	15	846	51
1889	R O Hawkins	W L Goble	Mt Moriah	15	756	35
1890	L W Lanman	Lloyd Goble	Bethel	15	815	17
1891	L W Lanman	W R Strader	Cumberland	16	812	68
1892	T J Thornton	J I Brydon	Marshall	15	779	41
1893	T J Thornton	J I Brydon	Eanon	15	808	56
1894	L W Lanman	J I Brydon	Clarksville	15	798	52
1895	J T Spilman	Orion Goble	Westfield	12	900	184
1896	T J Sharp	L H Chapin	Casey	14	1070	73
1897	T J Thornton	J T Spilman	Martinsville	15	987	29
1898	T J Sharp	J L Montgomery	Marshall	15	1125	77
1899	T J Sharp	J L Montgomery	Eanon	15	1230	51
1900	T J Sharp	Lyman Beabout	Westfield	15	1157	68
1901	T J Sharp	Lyman Beabout	Clarksville	15	1196	62
1902	T D Davis	Lyman Beabout	Cumberland	15	1187	72
1903	T D Davis	P C Murphy	Macedonia	15	1172	26
1904	G D Hendrickson	Lyman Beabout	Eanon	15	1197	63
1905	J C Craig	Lyman Beabout	Mill Creek	15	1136	45

General Statistical Table.

CHURCHES. 1905.	MEMBERSHIP.		INCREASE				DECREASE.				MISSIONS.								OTHER INTERESTS.					Value of Church Property
	1904	1905	Baptism	Letter	Ex. and Res.	Relation	Letter	Death	Ex. and Eras	Non-Resident	Christian Education	Pub. Society	Aged Ministers' Home	Foreign	Home	State	Beneficent Objects	Church Expenses.	S. S. Expenses	Minutes Pd			
Bethel	100	99	2				2	1		28			$ 1 00	$ 1 00		$ 1 00		$ 125 00	$ 7 00	$ 1 00			$ 800
Casey	88	101	8	5			3			12		$ 2 70	1 25	6 75	$ 2 65	6 00		325 00	35 00	1 20			2700
Cumberland	58																						
Clarksville	222	223	9				3	3	2			9 50	4 00	10 43	5 55	19 00	$18 00	355 00	77 00	3 25			1500
Eanon	127	140	10	4	1		1	1		26	$ 5 00	6 65		9 13	5 25	3 38		252 00	23 00	2 16			1000
Freedom	121	85					2	2		33					1 00			38 50	5 00				500
Harmony	35	31					4			15					1 25	1 00		115 00	12 00	50			1000
Little Flock																							2500
Martinsville	96	97	2					1		25				2 00	3 95	2 00		197 00	25 00	1 26			2500
Marshall	72	56	1				1	16												1 25			
Mt. Moriah	56	53				2		2	4										10 00	50			700
Macedonia	57	61	4										1 80					150 00		80			300
Mill Creek	76	77	1					2		18								125 00	20 00	60			800
Westfield	88	109	8	1		6	2					5 29	3 41		8 61			500 00	17 00	1 50			3800
Walla Walla																							
Total	1197	1136	45	10	11		18	22	12	157	$ 5 00	$24 14	$11 46	$29 31	$28 27	$32 38	$18 00	$2482 50	$231 00	$ 14 02			$18100

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